

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**“TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION & FAMILY STRENGTHENING THROUGH POSITIVE
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES”**

RFP# HMS-903-10-06-S

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD), Employment & Child Care Program Office in collaboration with the Office of Youth Services (OYS), requests proposals from qualified applicants to provide Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Family Strengthening and Positive Youth Development Programs for youth ages 5-18 years old and their families statewide. Activities shall be aimed at reducing the risk factors and increasing the protective factors relating to early adolescent sexual activity, teen pregnancy and other delinquent behaviors. The Proposals may be submitted from the private (for profit and non-profit) sectors as well as religious and faith-based organizations, in keeping with Sec. 104, Public Law 104-193.

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) federal block grant is intended to help families achieve self-sufficiency. TANF, as defined by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, has four purposes:

1. To provide assistance to needy families;
2. To end dependence of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage;
3. To prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
4. To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance (ACF) has issued a guidance document entitled “Helping Families Achieve Self-Sufficiency: A Guide on Funding Services for Children and Families through the TANF Program” (ACF TANF Guidance). The ACF TANF Guidance encourages the States to use TANF flexibly and in innovative ways to achieve the above-stated TANF goals.

All proposals must conform to the format and instructions provided in the **Request for Proposals (RFP) HMS-903-10-06-S** information packets. Information packets will be available beginning Thursday June 17, 2010 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of Youth Services, 820 Mililani Street, Ste. 817, Haseko Center, Honolulu, HI 96813. This RFP will also be available on the web at <http://www.hawaii.gov/rfps103f>. Proposal submittal deadline is Wednesday July 29, 2010 by 4:30 p.m.

Please hold all questions relevant to this RFP for the informational session scheduled for Thursday June 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Hawaii State Capitol, Room 312, Honolulu, Hawaii. All prospective applicants are encouraged to download a copy of the RFP and bring it to the informational session. Inquiries regarding this RFP should be directed to the RFP contact person, Merton Chinen, Office of Youth Services, 820 Mililani Street, Suite 817, telephone: 808-587-5712; fax: 808.587.5734; email: mchinen@dhs.hawaii.gov.

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